

In the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Serial No.: 10/618,887 Examiner: Pedro Philogene
Inventor: Tallarida et al. Art Unit: 3733
Filing Date: July 14, 2003 Docket No.: STD00.01CIPD
Title: System and Method for Joint Resurface Repair
Customer No.: 32047

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
ATTN: Examiner Pedro Philogene

Response Under 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2006. A petition for a two month extension of time accompanies this response. Authorization to charge a credit card has been provided upon electronic filing of this amendment to extend the term for response from November 30, 2006 to January 30, 2007. Applicants also conditionally petition for any further necessary extensions of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such extensions has been inadvertently overlooked. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any necessary extension of time fees.

This response includes:

- **Amendments to the Claims** beginning on page 2
- **Remarks** beginning on page 7